MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the mosquito hazard in the urban areas. In almost all the major cities the mosquito breeding occurs in stored water. In addition, breeding takes place in wells also. Rapid urbanisation without adequate facilities for sanitation, drainage, proper storage of water and sewage disposal in another contributory factor.

The control strategy followed in the urban areas comprises of assisting the local self-government institutions in achieving source reducation t hrough anti-larval meausres.

Duty performed by Cabinmen at Tirunnavaya

241. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cabinmen at Tirunnavaya are on 12 hours roster, while all the Cabinmen between Calicut and Sharanat are on 8 hours shift; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cabinmen at Tirunnvaya are at present rostered for 12 hours shift based on assessment of their workload through a job analyis.

Issue of 'No Objection certificate' for construction of buildings near Airports by National Airport Authority

242. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases are pending with the National Airport Authority awaiting NOCs for construction of houses/buildings near the various airports in the country;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to expedite the cases;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in issue of NOCs to the owners/builders; and

(d) whether there is a Committee which scrutinize these cases and, if so, what is the composition of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Committee headed by a Deputy Director of the Planning Directorate with representatives from the Communication and Aerodrome disciplines examines the cases at the Headquarters level. A similar Committee headed by Director of Aerodromes in the Regions with representives from Communication and Aerodrome disciplines and a representative from the International Airports Authority of India examines the cases at the regional level.

Cargo handled by foreign vessels

243. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what has been percentage of our export-import cargo carried by foreign vessels during the Fifth and Sixth Five Year Plan and what is it likely to be by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to do away with this dependence on foreign cargo vessels; and

(c) what is the percentage of private and public secor shipping companies regarding carrying of cargo and which sector is performing better?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The percentage of our import-export cargo carried by foreign vessels during the 5th and 6th Five Year Plan is given in the attached statement. (*See* below) The carriage of cargo by foreign vessels in the above trade may continue to be approximately 60 per cent by the end of 7th Five Year Plan.